Fortunatus and *The Shoemaker** holiday* , and for the former Dekker wrote a new beginning and ending in praise of the Queen * Are you then travelling to the temple of Eliza ?' quoth one To which the other answereth, * Even to her temple are my feeble limbs travelling Some call her Pandora , some Glonana, some Cynthia some Delphoebe, some Astrsea all by several names to express several loves, yet all those names make but one celestial body, as all those loves meet to create but one soul *

nth January A FENCER HANGED

Henry Adkngton, a fencer, was hanged without the bars of Aldgate for killing a man there, and after hanged in chains on the Mile's End

12th January ALLEYN'S NEW PLAYHOUSE

Alleyn now prepareth to build a new playhouse in Redcross Street, with the favour of her Majesty, who was well content with his playing this last Chris mas, and of my Lord Admiral

* THE PRESERVATION OF KING HENRY THE SEVENTH *

A certain unknown author hath a poetical work called, *The first book of the Preservation of King Henry the Seventh,* compiled in English rhythmical hexameters chiefly from Mr Grafton's *Chronicle,* being dedicated to the Queen's Majesty This book is prefaced with an Epistle to the right honourable, worshipful, gentle and learned readers in commendation of hexameters, because that these hexameters and pentameters in English are mishked of many, even of some accounted learned doctors and linguists as for the plain rhythmer, his books are stuffed with lines of prose with a rhythm in the end, which every fiddler or

piper can make upon a theme given This true kind of verse, declareth the author, will bring unto us four commodities , it will enrich our speech with good and significant words , It will bring delight and pleasure to the skilful reader when he sees them formally compiled , it will encourage and learn the good and godly students that affect poetry and are naturally inclined thereunto to make the like, it will direct a true *idioma,* and will teach true orthography For as gold surpasseth lead, so the hexameters surpass rhythm prose